

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01677-CJN**

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH v. UNITED STATES

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Demand: \$0

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/17/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/17/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5590611) filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Horner, Christopher) (Attachment

		1 replaced on 7/18/2018) (zmd). (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF CONSENT AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason T. Miller on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Miller, Jason) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>Treasury, USAG, USAtty for DC</i> filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons for US Atty for DC)(Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (zsb) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/25/2018	<u>7</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>to ATTORNEY GENERAL and US ATTORNEY</i> re <u>6</u> Summons Issued Electronically filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. Related document: <u>6</u> Summons Issued Electronically. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons Summons to US Attorney for DC)(Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/27/2018	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
08/09/2018	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/3/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/2/2018. (Miller, Jason) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/09/2018	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/03/2018. (Miller, Jason) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 8/3/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(Miller, Jason) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by September 21, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 7, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/21/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
09/21/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Filed on behalf of both parties</i> by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
09/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by October 23, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 21, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
09/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/23/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>filed on behalf of both parties</i> by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 10/23/2018)

10/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 27, 2018. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/24/2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/27/2018 (tj) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
11/27/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>filed on behalf of both parties</i> by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
11/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by January 25, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 27, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
11/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/25/2019 (tj) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
01/22/2019	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>16</u> Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury. The joint status report currently due on January 25, 2019 shall now be filed within fourteen days of appropriations being restored to the above noted agencies. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 23, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties will file another joint status report by March 11, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 11, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
03/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/11/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/11/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
03/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by May 10, 2019, and then additional joint status reports every 60 days after that until production is complete. Within 14 days of production being completed, the parties shall file a joint status report that includes a proposal for how to govern further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 11, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
04/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/10/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/13/2019	<u>20</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY Substituting for attorney Benton Peterson (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
06/26/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Rudolph Contreras is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
07/09/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
09/09/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
09/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, and consistent with the Court's March 11, 2019 Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 8, 2019. Signed by Judge

		Carl J. Nichols on September 11, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 09/11/2019)
09/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/8/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
11/08/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/27/2019	24	MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, and consistent with the Court's March 11, 2019 Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before January 7, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 27, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2020. (mac) (Entered: 12/02/2019)